

The Magickal Link

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Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

From the CALIPH

OK. Back to Genesis 2. Your education is about to begin.

This is the story of the 4 rivers of Paradise. Sometimes known as the Map of Atlantis.

We have gone thru Pison & Gihon. Technically Mezla is not one of the rivers, but the Source, like the Ganges.

The 3rd river is Hiddekel, הַדְּקֵל = 139. This goes from the Visudha chakra to the Anahata chakra (translation: to Tiphereth...your heart...Sun... life, compassion, beauty...Also known as the Spider, Pelican, and/or $5^\circ = 6^\circ$... depending). It is East.

The 4th river is Pharath. The Euphrates. It is the North (& we will remember the relation of Nuit to the North, as of Hadit to the South). It is הַפְּרָת = 680. It is the path from the Visudha chakra to Yesod. The Foundation. The World card in the Tarot. You. The person who took this incarnation. The Cosmic Dancer. And we will remember REVELATION 16, verse 12 "The sixth poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its waters were dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East."

And who are the kings from the East? Well, we happen to be The ORDER of the TEMPLE of the ORIENT. And it is written, (AL III 45), speeking of the Scarlet Woman, "Then will I lift her to pinnacles of power: then will I breed from her a child mighter than all the kings of the earth. I will fill her with joy: with my force shall she see & strike at the worship of Nu: she shall achieve Hadit."

There is a very great mystery here. Well, the way this article got started, was that one day this gal I was living with said, "I don't understand that." Meaning the sentence, "...she shall achieve Hadit." I just looked at her strangely. My god, this woman had been into Thelema for 30 years. But it is like Aleister Crowley wrote to Karl Germer once, "It is incredible, but after all these years you do not know how Magick works." It does take a certain knack.

For example, at the O.T.O. Tarot reading booth at Ren(nais-sance) Faire, recently, there was a certain couple. He had invented his own Tarot deck and I saw no objection. After all, how many times during that fantastic year of 1969-1970 did I say to anyone who would listen, and there were damn few,...sorry... just ran out of space.

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-Sept. 1, 8, 15, 29 --8:30pm

MAGICK IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

Weekly class (given through December) by class master Lon Milo DuQuette. A chapter by chapter examination of Crowley's classic text. Special slide presentation this month by Frater Ibis of the Guild of Thoth and 93 Camp.

-Sept 5 --5:00am

FIRST DEGREE INITIATIONS

-Sept 6

SECOND DEGREE INTIATION

-Sept. 6 & 7 -- All day

COLLEGE OF THELEMA SEMINARS

Guest speaker, Soror Meral IX⁵, O. T. O. Lodge Mistress of 418 Lodge, Oroville and the publisher of IN THE CONTINUUM Magazine.

-Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 --8:00pm

GUILD OF ENOCHIAN STUDIES WORKSHOP At AHA Camp, Long Beach

-Sept. 20 --8:30pm

MASS OF THE GNOSTIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

-Sept. 22 --8:30pm to 4:00am Sept 23
MASS OF THE GNOSTIC CATHOLIC CHURCH and **FEAST OF THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX**

-Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28

We were honored by a visit from the Fourth Emir of the Order, Shirin A. Morton IX⁶. During her stay she toured the facilities of 93 Camp and AHA Camp (Laguna Beach and Long Beach). We hope she enjoyed her visit to So. California.

Our plans for October include:

Minerval Initiations

MAGICK IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

classes on Tuesday nights,

Gnostic Mass on the morning of the 18th

AHA Camp Long Beach will host the GUILD OF ENOCHIAN STUDIES WORKSHOPS on Thursday nights, A CROWLEYMAS CELEBRATION At Alpine Village Beer Gardens in Torrence and Halloween Party on the 31st.

Members of Heru-ra-ha Lodge plan to attend the Sacramento INPHASION on the 24 and 25th.

PHOENIX LODGE, MONTREAL

New address: 4 Farnham, CP 523, Place Bonaventure, Montréal, Québec, Canada H5A 1C3

There have been several recent developments here at Phoenix Lodge:

Incorporation: Auspiciously enough, on Sept. 22 we received our government charter recognizing O.T.O. as a non-profit corporation. We feel this will help stabilize our organization and provide a workable framework for controlled expansion. Donations to O.T.O. Montréal are now tax-deductable, as are dues and fees. An administrative council of 9 officers is in formation at this writing.

Initiations: Curiously, we initiated 22 Minervals in August, as did Grady during his visit here in June. 36 of our 46 members reside in Montréal. A new oasis is under construction and we expect Minerval initiations to resume in November.

Encampments: Application to Grand Lodge USA has been made for the following Encampments:

- *Koux Om Pax (Toronto)*, led by Brian Postnikoff, will be the focus of O.T.O. development in Ontario. Toronto, with a half-dozen initiates already, is very fertile (A.C.'s remarks in *The Confessions* notwithstanding), and an initiation trip is in the planning stages.
- *Dragon's Elecrum Arc (Montréal)*, led by Peter Cohen, is a pre-existing group that took Minerval *en masse*. They share many enthusiasms best left to Peter's superior descriptive gifts in a future issue of the *Link*.
- *Sehra (Montréal)*, led by Michel Verdon, is a magical training group (Grady would say "boot camp"). Among its varied Junctions are practical tutorial and the field-testing of French translations of rituals and instruction papers, prior to publication.

An Encampment is in the early stages of formation in Boston (Montréal's sister city in the States), under Oliver Straus, Jr. Contact can be made through Phoenix if you live in the Boston, Cambridge area.

Classes: O.T.O. courses in macrobiotic cooking and hatha yoga began this week, and there is great interest in a Shao-lin kung-fu class planned for 7 a.m. each morning.

Meetings: On Sept. 28 we held our first full Lodge meeting at Café Hélène. Everyone agreed on 4 such meeting a year, at the solstices and equinoxes. Most members are affiliating with or forming Encampments, which meet more frequently. On the question of O.T.O. vis à vis language group as applied to Québec, raised in recent Grand Lodge reports in this journal, the Lodge voted unanimously to remain a united, bilingual Lodge capable of coordinating unilingual O.T.O. groups within the Lodge. Most Lodge members are bilingual.

EGC: Mgr. Robert Latulippe has prepared a proposed EGC Canon. This intended as a working paper, to be refined for eventual ratification at some future Synod. The Canon includes EGC's apostolic succession table, which links the present EGC through Crowley, Reuss, Encausse etc. back to St. Peter the Apostle.

NEWS FROM HADIT: 9/19--Encampment's first Minervals initiated via Pan-iti Lodge. A memorable weekend made more so by our Brothers and Sisters in NYC, plus O.T.O. members from California and Canada.

HADIT's current focus is helping each other become more magically competent, thru a series of on-going member-led workshops, containing theory + practice. Topics vary. Some workshops will be open to interested non-initiates. We also will answer mail promptly --at least now while HADIT is still small. We welcome contact from other groups, and especially from Thelemites in and around Philadelphia. #31 #3/93!

Grand Lodge Report:

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Thelema Lodge is the Grand Lodge of Ordo Templi Orientis in the USA and the temporary world headquarters of Ordo Templi Orientis world-wide. (Until eventual development of international Grand Lodges and a re-determination of the WHQ)

The Supreme Council of O.T.O. and the Board of Directors of EGC can both be reached at the Address on the top of the next column.

Thelema Lodge
Ordo Templi Orientis
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Berkeley, CA 94702 U.S.A.

This month, it's time to devote the Grand Lodge report to news and procedures involving O.T.O. Generally.

At the local of the Grand Lodge Temple, work is proceeding at a good pace toward completion of the new Temple and office space. There will again be some small problems in response to internal mail between Grand Lodge and the other Lodges, Chapters and Camps of the Order. This is a natural result of moving the office and having to wait for things to settle in at the new location at 1500 Park St. in Emeryville, CA USA. We should have things back on an even keel by mid December or earlier. Classes are going on, the Gnostic Mass has not suffered interruption and the new location looks to be the best Temple for Grand Lodge to date.

With regard to the Magickal Link: Many of you will be concerned that the #10 Link was very late. This was a natural result of having to wait to be sure of the final location of the New Temple. With this issue, we are 75% returned to the usual publication date. The December issue will be on time, and the last day for #12 ML submissions to arrive at Grand Lodge will be Nov. 10th--the usual cut-off date in the month. December mail will probably mean delays in the December and January Magickal Link owing to postal problems. The #12 Newsletter will begin its often delayed printing next week. Mailing for NL#12 is expected in early December. Keep your fingers crossed.

Quite a number of Camps and Chapters of O.T.O. are failing to report ready-to-print information for the Magickal Link. The duty is at least a 25 word 3½ inch column every Calendar quarter. Unless reports are received from your body of O.T.O., don't be surprised if it is dropped from the list in the back of the January Link. We at Grand Lodge firmly believe that the members of O.T.O. have a right to know what to expect at each Camp, Chapter and Lodge of O.T.O. Only the Link can keep everybody up to date.

There are two deletions in this issue for bodies of O.T.O.: Camp Sappho is inactive just now because the Master is in Greece for an educational year in Athens. Camp A.O. Spare has been suffering severe growing pains and is not functional in its new Chapter state. A new name for the Columbus GA body was planned, but domestic disputes between members and similar personal violations of pax-templi of an over-blown sort are obstructing O.T.O. work in Georgia. We hope to be able to report a settlement of this situation in a future issue of the Link, but the present situation in Georgia does not warrant official status.

Actually, it might be a good idea to list the things to look for in prevention of an unplanned failure of a body of the Order. With so many new bodies coming in just now, these things should be kept in mind. The common causes of Lodge, Chapter and Camp failure in order of frequency so far are these:

1. Failure to keep adequate records and/or defective management of funds.
2. Domestic arguments allowed to intrude on Order meetings.
3. Disrespect for the feelings of individual members, officers and guests.
4. Changes in residence of local members.
5. Excessive demands on one person to do all the work.
6. Gross misunderstandings or total indifference to the nature of O.T.O.

Most of these problems tend to cascade in a sort of chain reaction. #1 is the common cause of #3 and #5. #2 leads to all the others very quickly. The whole thing usually starts with either #1 or #2.

Most of the Lodges, Camps and Chapters of the Order are well run for their size; but as they grow, bodies of the Order need to pay close attention to problems #1 & #5.

Most of the bodies of the Order have constantly been a pleasure to their local members and a credit to the Order.

More instruction is needed in some locals, but this can grow with time.

No significant controls are placed on local bodies in the area of what to teach and what to study by Grand Lodge, but some programs of special study will of necessity be phased in for Lodges with members above Third Degree. This in time. The most pressing need is inter-

action between bodies of O.T.O. over goals, mutual aid and interpretation of the Blue Equinox for this time and place. Events on the East Coast recently have highlighted the seriousness of dealing with the Blue Equinox constitutional matter head-on. Actual physical violence has erupted over this issue--two lower degree members attacked

ranking members who affirmed the Blue Equinox goals. If we had been better prepared for informing new members of this document, these two would probably never have wasted their time and temper in O.T.O.

Actually, things are looking good!

With these corrective measures in mind, they can get even better. Pax Templi.

THE KNIGHT'S KORNER

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Here is a poem submitted by Frater Zardoz

Aleister, your life was in the past,
Your OTO will last an aeon, maybe more.
Aiwass, whose law of Love is Light,
Deliver us from the devils, who tempt
us in the night.

Boleskine, with your Abra-Merlin haunts,
Echoes your taunts, that drive us to your shores.

Again and again, again and again.

The 80's, her tyranny is falling fast,
The Night of Pan will an aeon, maybe more.
Cry out, to legions of the Brave,
Time again to save us from the devils of street.

Ride out, protectors of the realm,
Caliph, at the helm, sail us across the tree of life.

Again and again, again and again and again.

Templar Knights, Templar Knights.

ZARDOZ

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(Emeryville is on the southern edge of Berkeley,
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The temple is upstairs inside the large building.)

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I.N.R.I. Camp, contact via Tahuti Lodge.

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Brocken Mountain Lodge.

Fenris Camp, 33 Fowler Ave., Carmel, NY 10512 USA

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Knox Om Pax Camp, 620 Richmond St. W., Studio 609,
Toronto, Ontario, CANADA

Cheth Camp, 306 N.E. 7th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 USA

*Additional camps of O.T.O. have tentative acceptance in Boston
and in CANADA: details next issue of this list, but see Phoenix Lodge
for these bodies.*

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1 Gnostic Mass 8PM New Temple \$1.00 donation suggested	2 □ h	3 □ 4	4 SPECIAL CLASS ON TAROT & DIVINATION □ with Bill #4 ○ Minor Trumps & Tree of Life style Layout. O.T.O. Free. Others \$3.00 8PM Temple	5	6	7 O.T.O. BOARD ○ 8PM TEMPLE [CALL TO VISIT]
8 Gnostic Mass 8PM New Temple \$1.00 donation suggested	9 □ h	10 THELEMIC THERAPY "Get Crazy with Sandy" 8PM Temple	11 SPECIAL CLASS ON TAROT & DIVINATION ○ with Bill #5 Courts & reading with a full deck. O.T.O. Free Others \$3.00 8PM Temple	12 FULL MOON RITUAL MCALL 658-9025 FOR PLACE, TIME & DAY	13 OPEN MEETING with Glenn Rune Sticks workshop 8PM Temple	14 INITIATION 1° & 11° CALL TO RESERVE A PLACE. ON 8PM TEMPLE 4PM 7PM 9PM 8PM 10PM 11PM 12PM 1PM 2PM
15 Gnostic Mass 8PM New Temple \$1.00 donation suggested	16 △ ○	17 OPEN MEETING An Evening with the Caliph 8PM Temple	18 SPECIAL CLASS ON TAROT & DIVINATION ○ with Bill #6 Reading demo. +time & number determinations. O.T.O. Free Others \$3.00 8PM Temple	19	20	21 E. G. C. BOARD 8PM TEMPLE [TENTATIVE ON OCT. ELECTIONS]
22 Gnostic Mass 8PM New Temple \$1.00 donation suggested	23 FILM NIGHT OPEN MEETING with Herb featuring: "The Salvation of Prof. Biarrov" 8PM Temple ○ ENT / □	24	25	26 BIG BIRD DIED FOR YOU DAY.	27	28 INITIATION MINERVAL CALL FOR PLACE TIME: 6PM ○/ 8PM 10PM 12PM 4PM 7PM 9PM 8PM 10PM 11PM 12PM 1PM 2PM
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